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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES  
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Mr. L. F. Watts, Chief,  
Forest Service,  
United States Department  
of Agriculture.

My dear Mr. Watts:

The Board has under consideration the nomenclature of the mountains extending from Jicarilla, New Mexico, on the north to Guadalupe Point, Texas, on the south through Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, and Eddy Counties, New Mexico, into Culberson County, Texas. Since the mountains in question are mostly within the bounds of the Lincoln National Forest, we should like to have the view of the Forest Service on the following:

- a. In local usage is the term Sacramento Mountains a general over-all term which includes as subdivisions the Guadalupe Mountains, the Sierra Blanca and the Jicarilla Mountains?
- b. In local usage is the name Sacramento Mountains limited to the west facing escarpment lying between the Guadalupe Mountains on the south and the Sierra Blanca on the north?
- c. If question "b" is answered affirmatively, do the Guadalupe Mountains, the Sacramento Mountains, the Sierra Blanca and the Jicarilla Mountains have sufficient identity to warrant individual names?
- d. Are the terms Guadalupe and Jicarilla given Spanish or Angloized pronunciations locally?
- e. Is there a definite topographic break between each of the separate ranges mentioned in question "c" above?

Do you have any information on the origin of the names of the mountains in question? Any information that you can supply pertinent to the problem will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Director.

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